

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Lopez for conducting the kind and courteous discussion with Applicants' representative, Daniel R. Evans, on July 6, 2005. The content of the discussion is reflected in the amendments to the claims and the remarks contained herewith. It is kindly requested that the Examiner favorably reconsider the outstanding rejection in view of the following.

The Examiner's attention is directed to Applicants' remarks made in responses filed June 8, 2004 and February 23, 2005, which outline the reasons why the claimed invention is both novel and unobvious over the references of record. .

The rejection of Claims 14-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have rearranged the elements of Claims 14 and 26 in amended Claims 14 and 26 to better reflect the disclosed processes. It is noted that increasing the water content in the raw material (Claim 14; page 10, lines 16-17) or the molten material (Claim 26; page 14, lines 17-18) is only one step of a process that provides for the production of glass for cathode ray tubes in which the obtained hardened glass has at most 0.1 bubbles/g (page 20, lines 24-26). It is believed that the amendment obviates the outstanding rejection, and it is kindly requested that the Examiner acknowledge the same and withdraw this rejection.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above comments, it is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance. An early and favorable indication of the same is earnestly requested.

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